

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A control method for a trunking system performing exchange between a wireless unit and the other communication party by means of control signal communication with the wireless unit by use of a control channel, and thereby allowing communication signal communication using a selected telephone communication channel between the wireless unit and the other communication party, the control method comprising the steps of:

when all the telephone communication channels are busy when a new request for the telephone communication channel comes from the wireless unit, performing a telephone communication channel making processing for using the control channel as a telephone communication channel;

~~when the control channel is used as a telephone communication channel, inserting information indicating a usage state of the control channel and a usage state of neighboring channels in an overlapped manner into information transmitted via the downlink communication of the control channel to perform a control channel usage state notifying processing; and~~

when any of the busy telephone communication channels is released when the control channel is used as a telephone communication channel, performing a control channel shifting processing for setting the released telephone communication channel as a new control channel, and by using all channels, notifying a plurality of the wireless units that the released telephone communication channel currently acts as a new control channel, and

when the control channel is used as a telephone communication channel, inserting information indicating a usage state of the telephone communication channel

being used as the new control channel and a usage state of neighboring channels in an overlapped manner into information transmitted via the downlink communication of the control channel so as to notify a wireless unit currently making a telephone call using the control channel of these usage states, to perform a control channel usage state notifying processing.

2.-3. (Canceled)